

**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claim 8, amended hereby, and claims 1-7 and 9-16, previously presented, are pending.

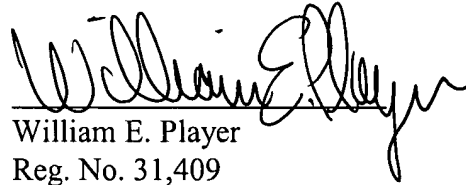
Claim 8 is amended, and rewritten as an independent claim, to clearly define the "implantable device" (and the claims dependent thereon) independently of the vibration actuator, i.e., not in combination with the "vibration actuator" to form the "combined set" of present claim 1.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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